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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FROM GOVERNMENT OF ARAB REPUBLIC
OF EGYPT RE CLAIM OF ANDERSON, CLAYTON AND CO.

REF: (A) STATE 222734, (B) CAIRO 5598

1. EMBASSY SENT NOTE (NO. 1199) SEPTEMBER 23 TO FMA REQUESTING RESPONSE TO OUR NOTE NO. 380 OF APRIL 2, 1977. IN ADDITION POLCOUNS GAVE COPY OF BOTH NOTES TO DIRECTOR MFA LEGAL DEPARTMENT ARABY ON SEPTEMBER 23 WITH REQUEST THAT HE CHECK INTO MATTER. POLCOUNS FOLLOWED UP AGAIN WITH ARABY ON SEPTEMBER 26. ARABY SAID HE HAD SENT LETTER PREVIOUS DAY TO UNDER SECRETARY MINISTRY OF ECONOMY REQUESTING NECESSARY INFORMATION.

2. AS EMBASSY POINTED OUT IN REF B, REQUESTS OF THIS NATURE ARE LIKELY TO RECEIVE RESPONSE ONLY AFTER CONSIDERABLE TIME AND NUMEROUS EMBASSY FOLLOW UPS DUE TO POOR INTERMINISTERIAL COORDINATION AND DIFFICULTY BUREAUCRACY HAS IN LOCATING OLD DOSSIERS. ANDERSON, CLAYTON AND CO. MIGHT OBTAIN SPEEDIER IF THEY HAD HIRED LAWYER TO TRACK DOWN REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION, AT LEAST COPIES OF APPLICABLE NATIONALIZATION DECREES. IS DEPARTMENT CONVINCED THAT THEY MADE SERIOUS EFFORT TO OBTAIN DOCUMENTATION THROUGH SERVICE OF AMERICAN OR EGYPTIAN LAWYER? IF SO, DID GOE REFUSE TO PROVIDE IT?

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3. EMBASSY CONCERN ABOUT GOING THROUGH MFA ALSO APPLIES TO DEPARTMENT'S PLAN TO MAKE COMBINED REQUEST TO GOE ON NUMBER OF OTHER ITEMS INCLUDING STATUS OF PARTICULAR BANK ACCOUNTS. IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, EMBASSY URGES THAT INDIVIDUAL CLAIMANTS BE REQUIRED TO HIRE LAWYERS TO OBTAIN THIS INFORMATION IN FIRST INSTANCE. WE RECOGNIZE THAT, UNDER PRIVATE CLAIMS AGREEMENT, GOE HAS OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE SUCH INFORMATION AND IN TIME

THEY PROBABLY WILL. HOWEVER, IN INTEREST OF SPEED, WE SUGGEST
CLAIMANTS BE URGED IN THEIR OWN INTEREST TO OBTAIN DOCUMENTA-
TION VIA INDIVIDUAL EGYPTIAN OR AMERICAN LAWYERS.
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